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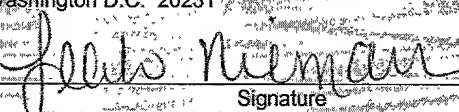
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RE: *U.S. Patent Application Entitled: DETERMINING A POSSIBLE CAUSE OF A FAULT IN A SEMICONDUCTOR FABRICATION PROCESS*
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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing are:

- (1) 35-page patent specification with 37 claims and an abstract (also Figures 1-6 on 6 sheets);
- (2) Declaration;
- (3) Power of Attorney;
- (4) Assignment and Assignment Cover Sheet; and

(5) Request and Certification Under 35 U.S.C. 122(b)(2)(B)(i).

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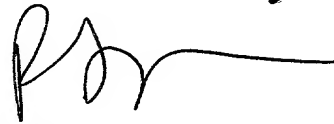
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REQUEST AND CERTIFICATION**UNDER****35 U.S.C. 122(b)(2)(B)(i)**First Named Inventor: **JASON A. GROVER**Title: **DETERMINING A POSSIBLE CAUSE OF A
FAULT IN A SEMICONDUCTOR FABRICATION
PROCESS**

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